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Science is making order out of chaos; Diplomacy is making chaos out of order.

It is that time of year again, when cries of "Bah, humbug!" are heard throughout the land. It is my favorite Holiday. After a year of back-biting, rudeness, hatred, sarcasm, indifference, it is interesting to watch people try to be nice to each other. Some are noticeably out of practice. Others appear to be someone entirely different from the one you've known all year. It's a pity Christmas doesn't come monthly, but then I guess the effect would wear off and people would never be nice.

Saint George would like to wish our subbers and players a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and/or Happy Channukah, whichever is appropriate. And if you do not subscribe to one of the major American faiths, then just have a Happy.

For those wondering about the numbering system above, it is our way of ~~supporting~~ surrendering to the Metric System. If everything is to be divisible by ten, then there is no reason to have 12 issues per volume. Our birthday issue will be out in February. I would like to take this opportunity to point out that this is a press zine. It's hard to tell. If every player would write just one paragraph, we'd all have something to read besides this blather. And I regret Moonman isn't in this issue, the author forgot to send it. I TRUST HE WILL REMEMBER NEXT TIME. So those are the reasons this is a brief issue.

And now, look what's under our tree....



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SAINT GEORGE SPEAKS

The Stab - Act of a Moral Degenerate ?



There is a group among Postal Diplomacy players whose voices are raised in moral outrage whenever a stab is perpetrated against them. An alliance to them is a near-sacred thing and is not to be violated. In point of fact, the stab was clearly intended to be a part of this game. Provision is made in the rules for the stab. A successful player must determine for himself when a stab is likely and get the knife in first.

I do not always stab. 1975GZ has ended in a three way draw, including myself. I did not stab either of my allies to reduce the draw to a two-way (nor did they stab me). The game record is in Dippy for those who wish to check up on me. However, there are times when I am going to stab, and I think they are when most players are likely to stab, so a little discussion might prove beneficial.

I will stab when my alliance has been made with a player who is inept in tactics and refuses to strictly follow my suggestions. Any alliance in this game can be a good one, even Russia-England. But you are usually faced with at least one other alliance. The success of your alliance over theirs depends on the mutual trust and your tactics. If I can't depend on my ally to make the best set of moves, or at least a good set, I am going to be looking for a new ally. So when you are planning your moves, be sure to cover all the possibilities. Remember, your opponents are not always going to make the set of moves that is best for you. If your moves court disaster, they're probably not your best ones.

I will stab if I distrust my ally. If my ally consistently forgets a support move WHETHER IT TURNS OUT TO BE NEEDED OR NOT, or "forgets" the arrangement we had to divide up centers, I must conclude he hasn't my best interests at heart. In a recent game my ally "forgot" to support me into Belgium. Fortunately I had an arrangement with France to take it anyway, but I could have been bounced, and for all he knew, I would be. Then, he forgot to support a unit in place that was giving him support to a center. I needed the unit on the following move to get a center myself, and the unit could have been annihilated. I concluded he wasn't looking out for my interests, so he got the knife.

I will stab if I have a clear advantage. In another recent game, I had 13 centers, my ally had 7. I was to turn over one of my centers to him and allow him to get another, making the score 12 to 9. He would be building, and my entire home was open. I told him I would do so. He believed me. Would you ?

I will stab if I am Austria and you are Turkey.

On the other hand, I will not stab to reduce a three-way draw to a two-way draw.

I will not stab a trustworthy ally to change a clear two-way draw to a win. At least I hope I won't; the subject hasn't come up yet. (Note to Don Rittel--that is a joke.)

I will not stab for a one center gain.

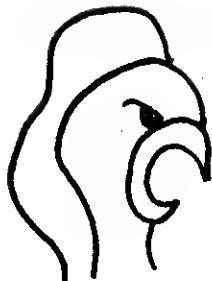
These are the general rules I use. I am getting a terrible reputation for stabbing in a zine which shall remain nameless, although I understand you have all received a copy of Diman. I can justify every stab I have made on the above basis, except one, which I heartily regret. To find out which--sub or play in Diman.

1976BA

The Basilisk

Fall, 1904

WEST IN CONFUSION AS EAST KEEPS GROWING



THE BASILISK

Austria(Hessel) A smy-COM, F gre-ION, A MUN-ber, A boh-SIL,
F ADR-ven, A TYO S F ADR-ven, A ven-TUS

England(Rogowski) F bel-PIC, F ENG S F bel-PIC, F nwg-NWY,
 F SWE S F bal-GOB, F bal-GOB, A hol-RUH, A lon-wal(nsu)
 F LON H(U) (in Autumn F pic r BEL)

France(McLendon) (Fmao r IRI) F iri-LVP, A pic-BRE, A PAR S
 A pic-BRE

Germany(Mann II) A bur-BEL, F kiel-DEN, A BER-mun, A pru-
war(d, a)

Italy(Brendlinger) F mao-POR, F spa(sc)-WES, A PIE S A ROM-ven,
A ROM-ven, F ion-gre(d, r tun, tyn, nap, apu, alb, eas,
 otb)

Russia(Anderson) F stp(sc)-FIN, F gob S F stp(sc)-FIN(d, r lvn,
 otb), A mos-STP, A lvn-PRU, A WAR S A lvn-PRU,
 A arm-SEV, A bul-RUM, F AEG S Austrian F gre-ION
 (In Autumn, F bal r GOB)

Russia must retreat the fleet from the Gulf of Bothnia; Italy must retreat the fleet from the Ionian Sea. Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote the final resting place of unit. Winter orders made be made conditional upon the retreats. Below is the supply center chart for 1904.

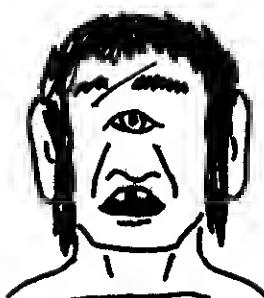
SUPPLY CENTER CHART	1904	The Basilisk	1976BA
AUSTRIA: bud, gre, srb, smy, tri, ven, vie, MUN, CON....9, build 2			
ENGLAND: edi, lvp , den, lon, nwy, swe, hol.....5, remove 2			
FRANCE: bre, par, por , LVP.....3, even			
GERMANY: bel, ber, kie, mil , DEN.....4, build 1, 1 anni- hilated			
ITALY: mar, nap, rom, spa, tun, POR.....6, build 1			
RUSSIA: bul, mos, ank, rum, stp, sev, war, by7, remove 1 34, total			

Spring, 1905 will be due with Winter, 1904 and may be made conditional upon it. Separation of seasons will be given upon request.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1904 AND SPRING, 1905 is January 8, 1977 3:00PM EST

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!!GASP!! There isn't any!



CYCLOPS

1976BM

Cyclops

Winter, 1903

Austria(Muchnik) builds F TRI, A BUD. Has A TYO, A MUN, A GAL, A SRB, A CON, A BUD, F TRI, F AEG
 England(Doehrer) builds A EDI, Has A EDI, A KIE, F NWY, F LON, F DEN
 France(Levy) builds A PAR. Has A PAR, A SPA, A GAS, A BEL, F LVP, F MAR, F BRE
 Germany(Gemignani) removes A sil; F den r OTB. Has A BER, F HELGO
 Italy(Kelly) even. Has A PIE, A TUS, F LYO, F MAO
 Russia(Bresslour) builds A STP. Has A STP, A PRU, A WAR, A SEV, F SWE, F BAL, F ANK
 Turkey(CD) even. Has A SMY

A separation of seasons was requested and granted. Spring, 1904 is now due by the deadline. I have orders for most of you. They will be used unless I receive a change of orders.

 DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1904 IS January 8, 1977 3:00PM EST

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Germany: to Everyone; I feel terrible about the game. I wish I had time to make up for my stupid mistakes. I wish I had my chance not to look so stupid.

1976R

Medusa

Winter, 1904

ANOTHER LONG COLD WINTER



MEDUSA

Austria(McArdle) builds A BUD. Has A BUD, A APU, A ROM, A TUS, A BOH, F SMY, F ADR
 England(Rittel) builds A LON. Has A LON, A BRE, F SWE, F NTH, F ENG, F MAO
 France(Happel) even. Has A BUR, A PAR, A MAR, F POR
 Germany(Cohen) builds A MUN. Has A MUN, A LVN, A STP, A WAR, A SIL, A RUH, A BEL, F PIC
 Italy(Drews) even. Has A GRE, F ION, F NAP
 Russia(Rauscher) (A war r GAL) removes A rum. Has A GAL, A MOS, A UKR, F CON, F BLA
 Turkey(Nurse)(F con r OTB) builds A ANK. Has A ANK

A separation of seasons was requested for this game, also. I will use the orders submitted unless you want to change them for Spring.

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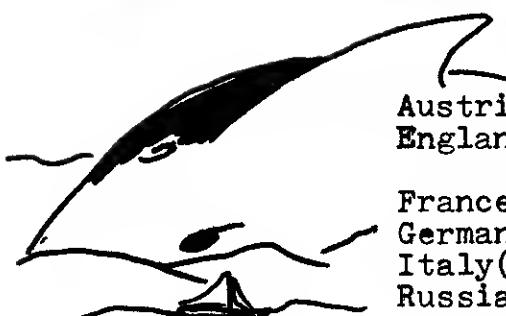
I have a press release dated for Spring, so I will hold it over until then. The rest of you might want to try writing press....It's fun.

1976IF

Leviathan

Spring, 1901

TSAR CAPTURES BLACK SEA AS ENGLAND SLEEPS



Austria(Nurse) A bud-SRB, F tri-ALB, A vie-BUD
 England(Charnley) NMR(GM per Houserule # 3)

A lvp-YOR, F lon-NTH, F edi-NWG

France(Hazel) A par-BUR, A MAR S A par-BUR, F bre-MAO

Germany(Berch) A MUN-bur, F kie-DEN, A ber-KIE

Italy(Agosta) A VEN H, A rom-NAP, F nap-ION

Russia(McLendon) F stp(sc)-GOB, A mos-STP, A war-UKR, F sev-BLA

Turkey(Mann II) A con-BUL, F ank-CON, A smy-ANK

LEVIATHAN

Underlined moves cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. Remember, your GM for this game is Don Rittel, 2311 Badger Parkway, Apt. 2, Madison, WI, 53713. He may be reached by phone between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at (608) 256-3263. Although Chip Charnley didn't submit moves, he does report that between 12-23-76 and 1-8-77 he may be reached at: 1545 Breton Rd., East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. I am not asking for a standby, as I assume he is going to submit moves. If he does not, a temporary standby will make moves for him in this case. Note your Boardman number above, 1976IF. You may refer to this number when submitting moves, or you may use the House Name.

 DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1901 IS JANUARY 4, 1977 6:30 PM CDT

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SMYRNA: (From the Summer Home--no dateline) The new Sultan announced he had opened lines of communication with all surrounding Nations in an attempt to keep the peace. A NEWS FLASH---Turkish troops have entered the province of Bulgaria in an attempt to stop the Rioting in the Small State.

Zurich:(no dateline) The ambassador to Turkey stated that his country wouldn't follow the rules set down at the Geneva Convention until he has proof that the other Nations will follow the rules to the letter.

(NO place of origin or dateline) And in the beginning, God created Austria, and Austria was good, and God saw that it was good.

On the second day, God created England, and He saw that it was good...

On the seventh day, God created Turkey and He saw that it was good, and He smiled.

On the eighth day, God was lying back to rest when He suddenly heard a great din and shouting and He saw His seven creations in conflict. Try as He could, He could not separate them. "What a mess," He sighed, shook His head and went to sleep.

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